

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
128 E. Railroad Street  
November 2, 2009**

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Alderman Dannewitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken:

**Present:** Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson

**Absent:** Mayor Thomas, Aldermen Hyatt and Keene

Alderman Dannewitz explained that Mayor Thomas was ill, and would not be at the meeting this evening. He requested a motion to appoint someone to act as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting.

**Alderman Robinson made a motion to appoint Alderman Dannewitz as Mayor Pro Tem to oversee this evenings meeting, and motion was seconded by Alderman Beverley. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay:0 Motion carried 6:0**

**Prindi's Antiques:** Storeowner Roger Prindiville was present to give an update on his expansion of Prindi's Antiques. He reported that he had hired an architect, and was surprised on the complicated process. He shared his intended plans and concluded that the drywall on the ceiling would be the best route to proceed. His intentions are to start work in January, 2010 with completion in April, 2010. Building Inspection Jim Smith was present, and also gave input for the plans. He said permits would be issued when work starts in January, 2010.

**Fairwinds PUD:** Attorney Kramer and Dick Faltz were present. They requested an extension on their letter of credit for the full amount on Units 4 and 3, and requested a reduction in their letter of credit for Units 1-A and 2. They also requested an extension on the completion date. Attorney Kramer said this has been approved by Citizens Bank. Discussion followed between City Engineer Horak, Attorney Kramer and Dick Faltz on the stockpiling of dirt. Dick Faltz advised that the current letter of credit expires November 27, 2009.

**Fairwinds Boulevard:** Attorney Kramer explained the previous agreement between the Developer and the City. He said that \$700,000 was tabled for the completion of Fairwind Boulevard, but that actually \$845,000 was paid to the City. Citizens Bank is now requiring that the overage be repaid to the bank. Alderman Dannewitz questioned about outstanding invoices due the City (ie snow removal).

**Water Rate Increase:** Superintendent Hake said the new water rates will be reflected on the March, 2010 billings.

**City Clerk li** provided the Council with a copy of a letter she had received earlier in the day from the Sandwich Park District regarding a "Festival of Trees" to be held December 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup> at Timber Creek Hotel. She asked the Council's opinion if they want the City to participate by providing a decorated tree. Alderman Beverley offered to loan a tree to the City, and the Council was in favor of Alderman McMahon coordinating the City's participation. This will be brought to a Council vote next week.

**Fairwinds Blvd / US Route 34 Project - driveways:** Engineer Horak indicated that the LDL Transfer response will be discussed at a later meeting. Dave Luttrell, who was present in the audience, confirmed.

**Engineer Horak** reported the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a motion to grant variances for 707 Taylor Street by a vote of 5:0. Additionally, the ZBA approved a motion to deny variances for 307 Wells Street by a vote of 5:0.

**Chief Olson** reported that Halloween went well. He said that a local church has requested a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. The Chief indicated that this is an ongoing program, and would like to see it continued to individual neighborhoods.

**Superintendent Hake** said the department is working on fall projects. He reported that the old fire barn has a dual boiler in need of repair. He has received an estimate of \$500 to rehab. It is estimated that present boiler is over 25 years old.

**Alderman Beverley** gave an update on the revised FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) that takes effect January 1, 2010. He explained some of the changes adding that there will be training for designated personnel in the future. Clerk Li said she received several e-mails earlier in the day indicating training to start on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at NIU but no mention of time or place. Attorney Paul said actual training will begin in January, and seminars are currently being held to educate the public of the changes.

**Alderman Dannewitz** reminded the Council about the Finance Committee meeting immediately after the Council meeting pertaining to those bills that need immediate attention.

**Alderman Keene** arrived at the meeting at 8:00 PM.

**Alderwoman Killey** attended the recent school board meeting with Alderman McMahon. She told of stories shared by Prairie View School personnel of students left waiting along Pleasant Ave for a parent / babysitter to pick them up, and being left unattended. Discussion followed regarding closing off a portion of Pleasant Avenue or if the City should get involved. The Chief recommended that 500' West of Castle, along the South side of Pleasant Avenue, be closed. Attorney Paul noted that Ordinance 2009-11 was stipulating that both sides of Pleasant Avenue be closed, and that the Ordinance had not yet passed. Council was in agreement with Chief Olson's recommendation.

**Alderman McMahon** proposed changes to Ordinance 2009-13 (Wind Energy Ordinance) that is currently under a first reading. He suggested to increase the tower height from 100' to 150'; eliminate the fall zone area of 110%; maintain a site assessment by a professional; a wind study test; and maintain a special use requirement. Discussion followed with additional input from Building Inspector Smith.

**New Business:** Attorney Tom Grant was present, and requested final payout on the Northwest Sewer Extension on behalf of the Johnson family in the amount of \$11,274.55. Alderman Robinson read from the previous week's minutes where the Council had approved the release of these funds to the depositor of record. Clerk Li said there is confusion as to who the depositor was because she had correspondence requesting the release of funds to Johnson Sandwich Properties as well to the Marvin Johnson and Mary L. Johnson Living Trusts. She further indicated that the cashier's checks that were received on the project indicated that Johnson Sandwich Properties were the depositors. Attorney Grant acknowledge that the refund should

be payable to Johnson Sandwich Properties. Clerk li said funds would be released the following morning to Attorney Grant.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Beverley to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

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Denise li, City Clerk